

A PLOT OF IOWA FARMERS.

DIGGING A DITCH TO CHANGE THE COURSE OF THE MISSOURI

It Would Have Taken 2,500 Acres from the Nebraska Side and Thrown it Over Into Iowa—The Work Stopped by Force and a Restraining Order from the Court.

brought in the District Court of Omaha to-day on a petition for a restraining order to prevent certain Iowa parties digging an irrigation ditch across the neck of the big bend just this side of Bellevue, a few miles below Omaha, to the Missouri River through it, out of the 2,800 acres of Nebraska land, and throw it over into Iowa.

Although the work had been going on ever since last June, so secretly had it been conducted that no intimation of what the Iowans were about had reached the public, and it was not until the Nebraska papers seized upon the story that the Nebraska authorities took any notice. Thus far attended their efforts, they became more brazen in rushing the work through to a completion that the property owners who were about to be despoiled of their possessions discovered what was going on, and at once took action.

The restraining order put a stop to the work, and now two great ditches, one 400 and the other 150 feet long, each 7 feet deep and 5 feet wide, with great mounds of freshly turned earth along either side, are the silent witness to the work that has been done. The Iowa farmers attempted to perpetrate, but which will never be carried out.

The bend at the point at which the Indian thieves have been at work was somewhat changed by a freak of the erratic Missouri river some years ago, when a portion of the original land was cut off and thrown over into Iowa.

A few rods from the bend on the Iowa shore at a point farther downstream, The river has ever since been cutting into Iowa soil at that place, and during the quarter of a century that has intervened since then has gradually added several hundred acres of Iowa land to the Nebraska side. It is no mistake to say that the generous silt that the river arbitrarily carried to Iowa some time before

A few rods from the bend on the Iowa shore on the Mosquito Creek winds its way southward, and through the Iowa bottom toward another big bend in the river two miles below. Here the Mosquito Creek river turns to the east and changes its course if the rapid cutting away of the eastern bank is continued. Several farms on the Iowa bottoms would be ruined and thousands of dollars lost.

It is not surprising that the river has been cutting away of the eastern bank, those interested resolved on a bold move, which, if successful, would save the Iowa bottoms from the damage that \$100,000 wouldn't begin to cover.

The first work was done in June, and it was then that the river was first cut off from the Iowa side. It was necessary to connect the lower one, that was to be dug later, with the low land between the river and the Iowa shore.

They dug that and then stopped work in order to throw everybody off the track. That ditch was out in the open, where it wouldn't

that would express the unwillingness before they were taken to the common jail.

Later they began work in the ditch about half past five o'clock. The men did not have much concern for those who did the digging. For a time they worked nights and Sundays as well as days, and it was not until after three or four days, and were rushing it as fast as they could, if the water had been turned in then it would have cost years of digging. They knew the houses whose homes were directly in the path that had been marked out for the stream.

"I don't know what you mean," said one man, "but we being done, and were terribly excited. There came a committee of one to wait on the contractor, and his wife. He told them to go away unless work was discontinued the consequence would be bad."

The contractor resented by appearing with an additional force that more than doubled the number he had before. He told them to get out of there or be bluffed. Many of his men were armed, and the settlers had likewise prepared for war.

After some time an attorney appeared and appeared on the scene in the afternoon. They would have been bluffed if the officers had not come out from town. The attorney determined to kill the men unless they quit work. The gang in being pursued by Federal officers.

A Mob Waiting for Min.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 1.—Chief of Police Gaston this morning received an order signed by

district, directing that Auguste Grangard, the negro under arrest here for a murder committed in Point Coupee parish, be held in the parish prison here. The authorities have information that if Grangard is taken back to Point Coupee he will be set free. A \$100 reward for his return of \$100 was deposited at Lakeland Post Office, and the authorities say that the purpose of this was to get the prisoner into the hands of a mob, who were waiting to string him up on his arrival.

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DIED.

BRONCK WEER.—On Friday, Sept. 30, at the residence of his parents, 125 Varick st., George Brockmeier.

Relatives, friends, and members of the Kitty City John C. Diod Association, and Fifth Assembly District Republican Association are invited to attend funeral services, Sunday, Oct. 1 at 1 P. M.

COLE.—Son-in-law of Fred Cole, 20, at his late residence, 44 Hanson place, William G. Cole.

Funeral services from his late residence on Sunday, Oct. 1 at 4 o'clock. Interment private.

DEVINE.—At his late residence, 21 West Third st., William A. Devine.

DOLAN.—On Friday, Sept. 30, William Edward, son of John W. and Mary L. Dolan, aged 10 years, died at his home, 110 E. 10th St. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral from his late residence, 704 McDougall st., on Sunday, Sunday afternoon, Oct. 1, at 2 o'clock.

DONNELLY.—On Oct. 1, after a short illness, James Edward, son of John and Mary, died at his home. Funeral will take place Monday, at 2 P. M., from his late residence, 106 East 100th st.

O'BRIEN.—On Friday, Sept. 30, Michael O'Brien, son of Robert, agent of Necker, died at his home, 100 E. 10th St., at 10 o'clock. Burial in Limerick, Ireland. Relatives and friends of the family are respectfully invited to attend his funeral on Sunday at 2 o'clock from his late residence, 26 Greenwich st., to the church at 10 o'clock.

O'DONNELL.—At Madison N. Y., on Oct. 1, 1891, Mary, wife of Edward O'Donnell, died at her home. Funeral from St. Vincent's R. C. Church Monday, Oct. 2, at 10 o'clock.

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